

Page 4 of the AMENDED SHEET, between lines 6 and 7,  
insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 6, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following  
heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 6, between lines 29 and 30, insert the following  
heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) Method for protecting data communication  
traffic through a communication link between a first  
communication station (11) and a second communication station  
(12), in which the data is dispatched according to a data  
protocol from the second communication station to the first  
communication station, comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving the data from the second communication  
station (12) in a data communication protection device (10);

(ii) comparing the data protocol of the data with at  
least one standardized protocol in the data communication  
protection device (10), characterized by

(iii) providing the data communication protection  
device (10) in the communication link, the data from the second  
communication station (12) to the first communication station